

The 2011 Scientific Assembly of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (ASROC2011)

Final circular

Venue: National Science and Technology Museum, South Complex (Kaohsiung City)

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National Science and Technology Museum (NSTM)

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The 2011 Scientific Assembly of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (ASROC2011) will be held at National Science and Technology Museum (NSTM) in Kaohsiung on May 27–29 (Fri.-Sun.), 2011. This is the annual event for all astronomers and astrophysicists in Taiwan to report their most recent discoveries and research results, to exchange ideas, and also to incubate collaborations. The meeting program is available now at <http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2011/agenda.html>.

ASROC2011 will start with an **opening reception** at 18:30 on May 27 (Fri.) at the lobby in front of **NSTM Auditorium** (Rm S112, South Complex of NSTM) (for the location and map, please see http://www.asroc.org.tw/asroc2011/traliv_place.html), followed by several main events in the next two days, including two plenary talks, oral and poster presentations, ASROC general assembly, and election of the society council members for 2011-2014. The plenary talks are (1) *Crystal Ball Gazing for this Decade: Transients (from PTF to LSST)* given by Prof. Shri Kulkarni, Director of Caltech Optical Observatories, Caltech, and (2) *Introducing ICRR – Cosmic Rays, Neutrinos and Gravitational Waves* presented by Prof. Takaaki Kajita, Director of Institute of Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR), University of Tokyo. A special session of “Young Astronomer Meeting” will discuss the future of and the interaction among young astronomers in Taiwan.

In addition, there will be a popular science talk *Different faces of stars* by Dr. Tseng Yao-Huan (ASIAA) and exhibitions of astronomy books, telescopes, and instruments. All talks and oral presentations are in NSTM Auditorium (Rm S112).

The online registration of ASROC2011 has been closed on March 15, 2011; those who missed the online registration can still register on-site. A registration fee of 500 NTD should be paid on site.

The Local Organizing Committee would like to remind all participants of the following issues –

- **Registration**

The ASROC2011 registration desk/area is located at the same place of the opening reception (see information above), the registration time is 18:30-20:00 on May 27, and from 08:00 to the end of the conference sessions for the next 2 days (May 28–29). If you wish to register as a new member, an admission fee of 200 NTD should be paid.

- **Access to NSTM**

NSTM is located at the center of Kaohsiung City (see location in google maps <http://tinyurl.com/asroc2011site>), and near the Kaohsiung Station of Taiwan Railway. Please visit http://asroc.org.tw/asroc2011/traliv_traffic.html for information of access by public transportation. The NSTM car park is located at Ping-Deng Road (30 NTD/8 hrs).

- **Oral presentations**

All contributions are 15 minutes in length (including Q&A) unless otherwise noted. Please see http://asroc.org.tw/asroc2011/2011ASROC_Oral.htm for the presentation list. All speakers are recommended to load their presentation file(s) onto the on-site computer during the coffee break before the presentation. The computer is based on Windows 7, with Microsoft Office 2010 and Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro. If your presentation files are not compatible with the above PowerPoint or PDF software, please test them on the on-site computer in advance. For those who have to use their own Mac, please prepare necessary connection adaptor, and prepare a copy of your file in PDF in a USB stick for the worst case.

- **Poster presentations**

Please see http://asroc.org.tw/asroc2011/2011ASROC_Poster.htm for the accepted poster papers and assigned poster ID numbers. The physical size of the poster board is 90 cm wide and 150 high, and the recommended display area is W80 cm by H140 cm. Posters should be set up before 10:00AM May 28. Poster authors can identify their poster boards by the tagged ID number on top of each board; they are also responsible for removing their presentations before the end of the conference. ASROC2011 staff will start to collect what is still left at 18:00 May 29. The poster area is in the same location of the registration desk and opening

reception. Supplies of pushpins will be available on site; after removing your poster, please return the used pushpins to the recycling bin in the same area.

Poster authors are recommended to attend their posters during the coffee break, particularly the 15:20-16:30 session on May 28, which is scheduled for referees' review for the Best Poster Award. The 3 awardees will report the exciting results from their award-winning posters at the 17:00-17:30 session on May 29.

● **Other reminders**

- No food or drink is permitted in the Auditorium.
- Please return name badges to the recycling bin in the registration area at the end of ASROC2011.

For more information about ASROC and the ASROC2011, please visit the society web site at <http://www.asroc.org.tw/>.

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